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CONTRIBUTION.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNICEF PRESS RELEASE:

PRESS RELEASE ICEF/1277

18 DECEMBER 1975

NETHERLANDS DONATES TEN MILLION DOLLARS TO UNICEF

LARGEST SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION EVER RECEIVED BY UNICEF

(THE FOLLOWING IS REPRODUCED AS RECEIVED FROM UNICEF,
NEW YORK.)

THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) ANNOUNCED TODAY
THE RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000,000 FROM
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS. THIS IS THE LARGEST
INDIVIDUAL DONATION EVER RECEIVED BY UNICEF.

WHEN RECEIVING THE LETTER OF PLEDGE FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, JOHAN KAUFMANN ON BEHALF
OF THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION,
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JAN PRONK, HENRY R. LABOUISSSE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNICEF,

STATED: "IT IS NOT ONLY THE SIZE OF THE GRANT WHICH PROMPTS ME TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION, BUT ESPECIALLY THE FACT THAT IT IS MADE AT A TIME OF ADVERSE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BOTH IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES".

MR. LABOUISSSE EXPLAINED THAT THE MONEY WILL BE USED FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEvised TO MEET SOME OF THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN COUNTRIES MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE PRESENT WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS.

THE MONEY WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE PROVISION OF PACKAGES OF SPECIFIC AND PRACTICAL BASIC SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN FIVE MAIN CATEGORIES: \$4,295,000 TO PROVIDE CLEAN, SAFE WATER SUPPLIES TO COMMUNITIES IN BANGLADESH, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, INDIA, NEPAL, RWANDA AND THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA; \$3,202,000 TO SUPPLY EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND TEACHER-TRAINING STIPENDS IN BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, BURUNDI, THE INDO-CHINA PENINSULA AND THE SUDAN; \$1,041,000 FOR CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICES IN BENIN AND TANZANIA; \$832,000 TO IMPROVE CHILD NUTRITION IN ETHIOPIA AND SRI LANKA; AND, FINALLY, \$630,000 FOR SPECIAL SERVICES BENEFITING CHILDREN WHOSE FAMILIES HAVE BEEN UPROOTED BY DROUGHT IN ETHIOPIA AND WAR IN INDO-CHINA.
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